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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Marty Silver for his efforts in nature education.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should honor those Tennesseans who through their own diligence and hard work have made significant achievements in their chosen fields; and

WHEREAS, Tennesseans are recognizing more and more how important environmental conservation and preservation is to our state's future; and

WHEREAS, persons in our state have taken significant steps to ensure that our environment and natural resources do not go unappreciated; and

WHEREAS, Marty Silver is one such person who has inspired children to develop an appreciation for the natural world that surrounds them, and has demonstrated his devotion to nature through his lifelong career as a ranger and interpretive specialist; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Silver holds a distinguished position at Warrior's Path State Park in Kingsport, Tennessee where he has educated children about the wonders of nature through his "Nature Nearby" program, which gives children from preschool to high school, including those with special needs, the chance to observe nature directly by becoming conservationists of their schoolyard habitats; and

WHEREAS, for his diligence and dedication to his work, Mr. Silver has received the Nature Educator of the Year Award from the Roger Tory Peterson Institute, an organization which honors those who have implemented outstanding programs to inspire children to study and appreciate the natural world; and

WHEREAS, upon the receipt of the award, Mr. Silver was given a cost stipend with which he can continue to invest in the lives of young people by teaching them about their precious environment; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Silver has had and will continue to have a significant impact on the education of young Tennesseans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate Marty Silver for his devotion to young people and nature education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Marty Silver with this final clause deleted from such copy.

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